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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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In response to the final Office Action mailed December 29, 2006 in the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.